



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Seek, Serve, Embrace | Engaging with neighbors near and far in Christ's love

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fifth Sunday in Lent | March 22, 2026 | 10:00 am

(*For those who are able, please stand)

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"IV. Adagio" (from *Symphony No. 5, Op. 42*) | Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Out of the depths we cry to the Lord.

Lord, hear us.

Jesus says, I am the resurrection and the life.

Those who trust in Christ will never die.

Let us turn to him in faith and live.

Let us worship God.

* HYMN

"Let it Breathe on Me" | *BREATHE ON ME*

1 Let it breathe on me, let it breathe on me, let the breath of the
 2 While I'm work - ing, God, in your vine - yard here, I can - not
 3 When the path - way, God, I can - not see, when the way is

Spir - it breathe on me. Let it breathe on me, let it
 serve with - out you near; O come, blessed Spir - it, so
 hard, O breathe on me; Give me grace to know when

breathe on me, let the breath of God now breathe on me.
 close to me that I may feel you breathe on me.
 you are near, then, I pray, O Spir - it, breathe on me.

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
if you held our sin against us,
who could live, who could stand?
We seem to have more faith in death
than hope in your promise of life.
We seek peace through war
and find security in weapons.
We abandon the hungry, sick, and dying,
and pursue wealth by making others poor.

Even so, you love us;
still there is forgiveness with you!
You alone, Lord, can save us from death
and you alone can save us from our sin.

* SILENT CONFESSION

* KYRIE

Dinah Reindorf

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

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* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,
that Jesus Christ came into the world to seek and save.

**Jesus carried sin in his body on the cross,
so that we, free from sin, might live for righteousness.**

We are healed through his life and witness.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven,

and freed to try again.



* **SUMMARY OF THE LAW**

Matthew 22: 37-40

Our Lord Jesus Christ says:

**“You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
and with all your soul,
and with all your mind.”**

This is the greatest and first commandment.

And a second is like it:

“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

All the law and the prophets
depend on these two commandments.

* **SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all;

And also with you.

Worshippers may greet one another with words of Christ's peace

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

Children are dismissed to Church School

Offerings added to the Joyful Noise Pail are for mission partner Heifer International

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON | PSALMS

Psalm 130



SECOND LESSON | GOSPEL

John 11: 1-45 | *NT p. 104-105, Spark Bible p. 440*

SERMON

“Lord, He Stinks!” | *Brian Shivers*



WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN NO. 286

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God" | TRENTHAM

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

OFFERING

(please sign the pew pad and pass it to your neighbor)

OFFERTORY

"Spirit, Open my Heart" | WILD MOUNTAIN THYME, arr. Alfred Fedak (b. 1953)

Refrain:

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart.

God, replace my stony heart with a heart that's kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear to your grace I now surrender. *(Refrain)*

Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word, and deed, may my living bring you glory. *(Refrain)*

May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of sister, brother.
In the welcome of Christ, may we welcome one another. *(Refrain)*

* DOXOLOGY

OLD 100TH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit, evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN NO. 250

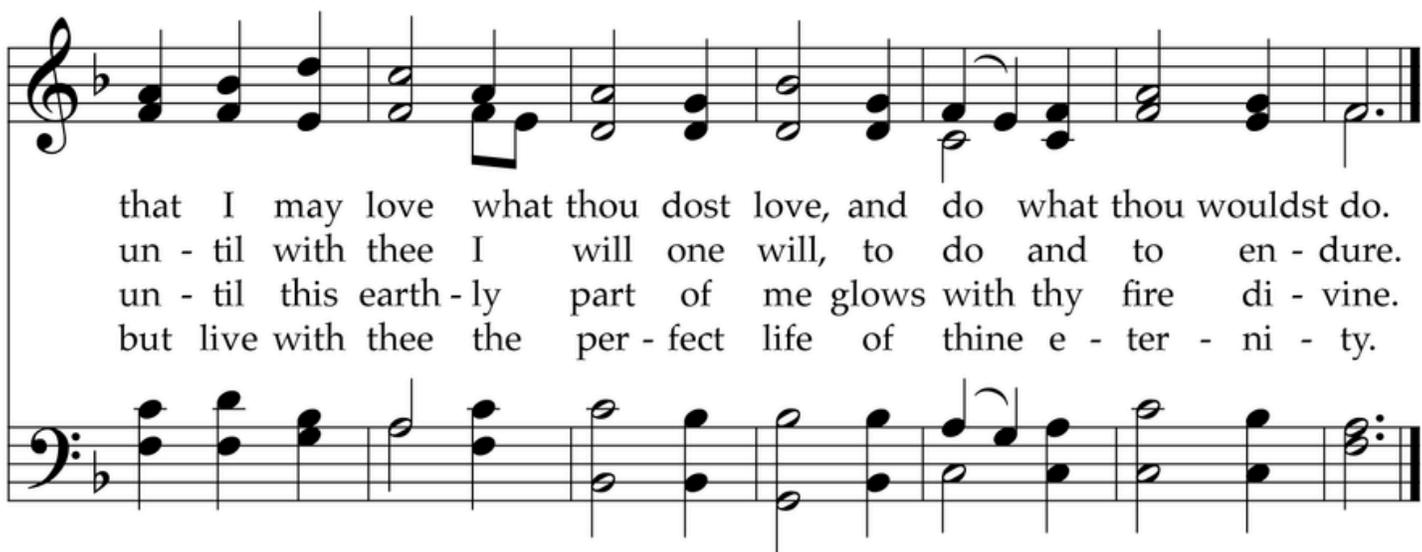
"In the Bulb There Is a Flower" | PROMISE



Breathe on Me, Breath of God 286



1 Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life a - new,
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,



that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
un - til with thee I will one will, to do and to en - dure.
un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

In both Hebrew and Greek, the words for "spirit" can equally well be translated as "breath" or "wind," so it is very appropriate to address the Holy Spirit as the "Breath of God." This tune by an English organist has become the customary one in North American hymnals.

In the Bulb There Is a Flower 250

Hymn of Promise



1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;



in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.



In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,



un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

The writing of this hymn was spurred by a line from the poet T. S. Eliot: "In my end is my beginning." Shortly after this piece was completed, the author/composer's husband was diagnosed with what proved to be a terminal malignancy, and the original anthem version of this hymn was sung at his funeral.

* BLESSING AND CHARGE

Creator God, walking in the garden,

breathe life into us.

Tempted God, praying in the desert,

breathe life into us.

Holy God, travelling towards the city,

breathe life into us.

Mysterious God, maker and encourager,

surprise us with angels.

Revealing God, questioner and caller,

surprise us with stories.

Breathing God, dancer and delighter,

surprise us with joy.

RESPONSE

“Wondrous Love” | *American Folk, arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw*

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,

What wondrous love is this, O my soul,

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,

When I was sinking down, O my soul,

When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,

Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,

Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

IN WORSHIP

The Offertory, “Spirit, Open My Heart,” is an arrangement of a hymn written by Ruth Duck (1947-2024). Many hymns directed to the Holy Spirit are inward-directed and focused on the singer’s private spirituality. This text, emerging from Duck’s own spiritual journey, prays for openness to human need, not only in our own lives but also in the lives of those around us. The first stanza opens with an image of the heart as the organ of feeling (“replace my stony heart with a heart that’s kind and tender”). It is drawn from Ezekiel 11 and 36, where God promises to remove the “stony” hearts of the people of Israel. In the second stanza, the heart is presented as the seat of memory and intention. The third stanza reminds us, in Christ’s example, to welcome others: “In the welcome of Christ, may we welcome one another.” Ruth Duck, ordained pastor in the United Church of Christ, taught for 27 years at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois.

An internationally renowned hymnwriter, *Glory to God* contains 16 of her hymns.

This arrangement, for SATB choir, organ, and flute, was written by Alfred Fedak, organist, composer, and Minister of Music and Arts at Westminster Presbyterian Church on Capitol Hill in Albany, New York.



OUR JOURNEY THROUGH LENTEN ART

Lent in the PCUSA tradition invites us into a season of honest reflection, hopeful repentance, and renewed commitment to God's reconciling work in the world. It's a time when we remember that transformation doesn't happen all at once but through small, faithful acts that open us to grace. The artwork adorning the chancel was made from 90 unique Greek crosses were collected from more than 60 individuals. A Greek cross is one of the oldest and most recognizable forms of the Christian cross, defined by its four arms of equal length, forming a perfect "plus" shape. This symmetry gives it a sense of balance, harmony, and universality. Early Christians adopted it in the 4th century, and it became especially prominent in Byzantine art, architecture, and worship. In Christian symbolism, the equal arms have been interpreted as representing the four Gospels, the spread of Christ's love in all directions, and the meeting of heaven and earth at the center.

The methods used to create these crosses included many paint types, stickers, tape, ribbon, yarn, markers, crayons, collage, glitter, tissue paper, fabric, popsicle sticks, paper marbling, and more. The most unique material used was leftover eye patches! See if you can find that one.

The fabric backing these pieces is the former dossel curtain that hung behind the cross in the chancel during Lent prior to the installation of the Fisk organ.

HOLY WEEK AT NORTHMINSTER

Palm/Passion Sunday | March 29th | 10:00 am

A palm procession leading us into the events of holy week.

Maundy Thursday | April 2nd | 7:00 pm

We will encounter the visible symbols of Jesus' last earthly night.

Good Friday | April 3rd | 7:00 pm

Readings, anthems, hymns, and the extinguishing of candles.

Easter Egg Hunt | April 4th | 10:00 am

Registration begins at 10:00 am, and the hunt will kick off at 10:30 am.

Easter Sunday | April 5th | 10:00 am

A celebration of the resurrection with Northminster's Chancel Choir and brass quintet.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Brian Shivers | *Pastor*

Karen Herbst-Kim | *Pastor*

Marko Petričić | *Organ*

Chancel Choir

Krista Wright | *Flute*

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Events and Announcements

Easter Plant & Decor Donations | Deadline Apr. 1 | 5:00 pm

Consider a \$25 donation for plants and décor used throughout the Lenten season! You may make your donation in memory of, or in honor of a loved one, and your dedication will be printed in the Easter bulletins.



Easter Egg Hunt Donations & Volunteers | Now Through Apr. 4

Donations are welcome! Drop off bags of individually wrapped candy and/or toys in The Gathering Place. Want to volunteer? Sign up through Civic Champs or contact Elisabeth Kleinsmith to learn more.

Easter Egg Hunt | Apr. 4 | 10:00 am

Registration begins at 10:00 am, and the hunt at 10:30 am. This event is free and open to all, and plan to bring a basket to collect your eggs! Complimentary coffee will be provided by Bedrock Coffee.



Deacon's Plant Sale | Deadline Apr. 7

The Deacons' Plant Sale is back! Submit your order online, by filling out a form in The Gathering Place, or by printing off a paper form and bringing it to the office. Learn more by scanning the QR code!



Yoga Workshops: Yoga for Lower Back | Apr. 10 | 12:15 - 2:15 pm

Register today for April's yoga workshops with Kim Allen that will focus on "Yoga for Lower Back"! These two-hour intensives are open to all, and teaching professionals can earn two CEUs! Learn more today.



"Embodied Prayer" Series | Starting May 5 | 11:15 am - 12:00 pm

Join us in the chapel for a three-week series starting May 5th to engage in a variety of spiritual practices and prayer formats designed to deepen your sense of God's presence in your life. Contact Mary Beth Riner for more info!

March Mission Team Collection

The Mission Team is collecting cleaning supplies for our partner Family Promise. Items such as dish soap, towels, cleaning supplies, detergent, dryer sheets, and trash bags can be donated to the yellow bin throughout March!

Volunteer with Northminster

Northminster now uses Civic Champs for all of our volunteer opportunities! See ways you can get involved by downloading the Civic Champs app and creating an account today!

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Custodian

Rod Mail
Stephen Ministry Leader

Tony Dzwonar
Stephen Ministry Leader

Teri Thomas
Pastor Emerita

Donald R. Durrett
Associate Pastor Emeritus

Matthew 25

As a Matthew 25 congregation, we focus on building congregational vitality, dismantling structural racism, and eradicating systemic poverty.

Covenant Network of Presbyterians

As a member of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians, we seek equity for LGBTQIA2S+ people in church and society. We welcome, honor, celebrate, and include all.

Parenting and Sensory Rooms

Behind the sanctuary in the Narthex are Parenting and Sensory Rooms.

The Parenting Room offers a private space for feeding, changing diapers, and calming children. Toys, games, and books are also available! The Sensory Room provides a quieter, darker space with tools for those with sensory needs. Both rooms have TVs for livestreaming the service via YouTube.

Fidgets and noise-dimming headphones are available outside the Sensory Room.

Children in Worship

We rejoice in all ages worshipping together! There are red worship bags available with activities as well as a quiet activity table and rocking chairs available on the east side of the sanctuary. We also have nursery care and church school happening simultaneously to worship if that is preferred.

Prayer Lists

The prayer list is available 24/7 online! Visit northminster.church/prayer

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